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Art Unit 1647

Re: U.S. Utility Continuation Patent Application
 Appl. No. 09/877,244; Filed: June 11, 2001
 For: **Use of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF)**
 Inventors: STADDON *et al.*
 Our Ref: 0623.1090001/LBB/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the appropriate fees;
2. PTO Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17);
3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency,
or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

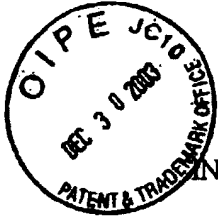
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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action dated June 30, 2003 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 10), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, this Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a listing of amendments to the specification;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this

application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.